

The Founder Fire



News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

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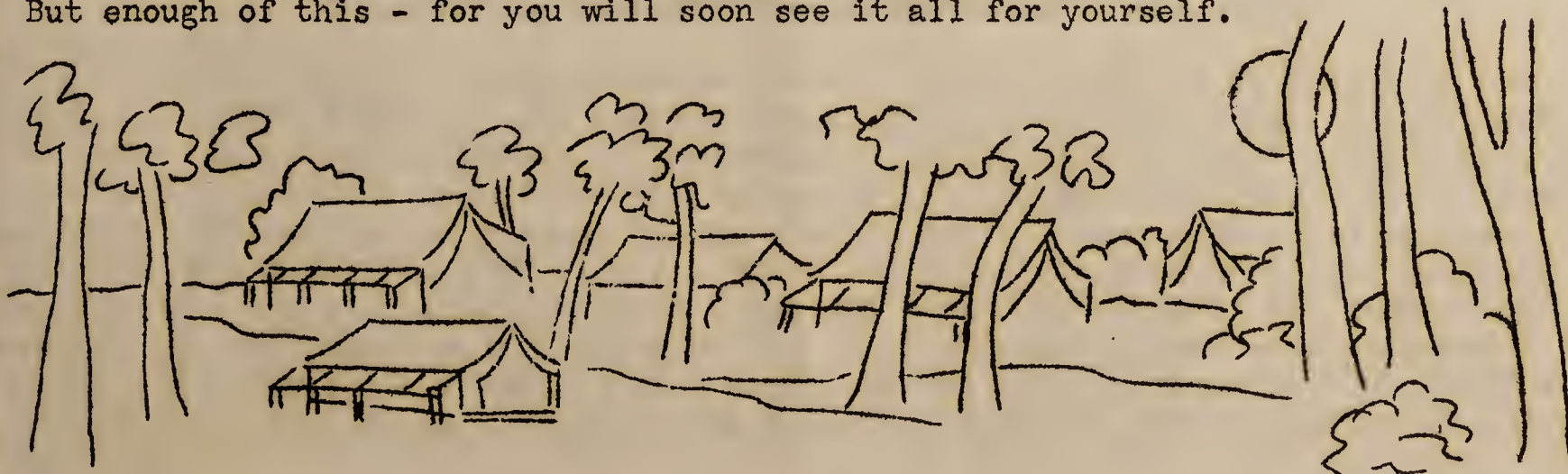
THE MAGIC DATES

July 31 to August 13 - Older Girls' Camp
August 14 to Aug. 27 - Older Boys' Camp

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Almost before you realize it, you 1939 campers and leaders will be on your way to M I N I W A N C A ! If you could see the place now, in all of its early summer beauty, you'd be more eager than ever to get here.

There have been some glorious sunsets, and Lake Michigan water - believe it or not - has been perfect for that morning dip. Moonlight filtering down among the branches has made the tent area a veritable fairyland for the past few nights. But enough of this - for you will soon see it all for yourself.



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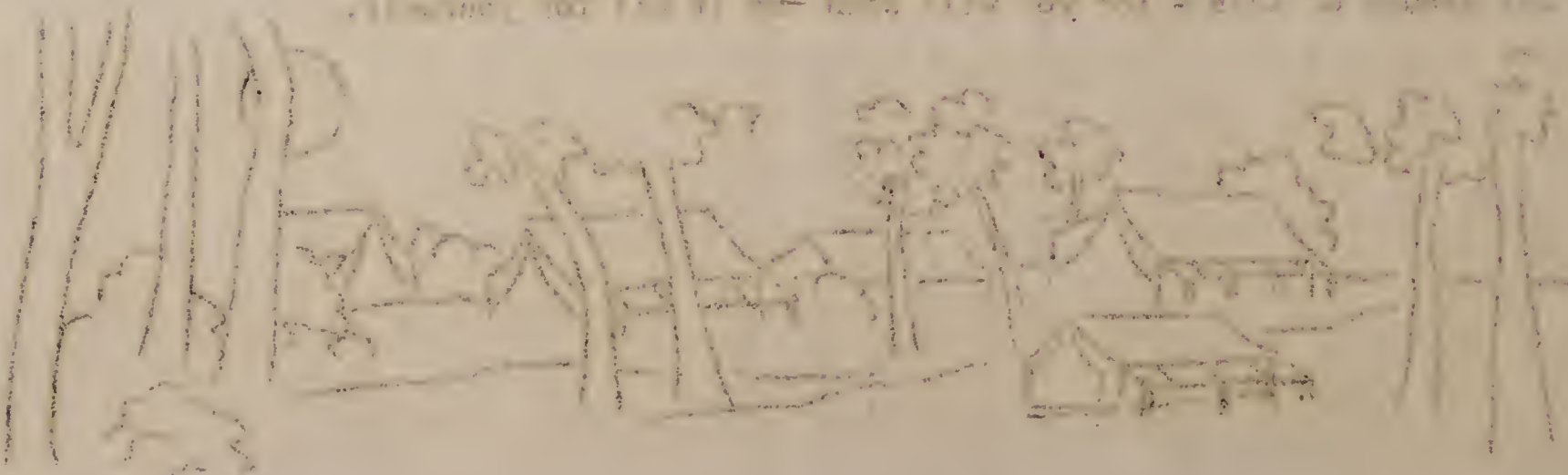
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NOW ABOUT THE PART YOU PLAY

Remember we are all partners and "members of the family" at Camp Miniwanca. These camps are not conducted for the benefit of any person or organization. YOU, the camper, are the center of all our camping and training efforts. We are interested in you as a person. We want to help you develop your inherent qualities of leadership. We want to assist you in thinking through some of your personal problems. We are eager to help you plan your life program wisely and constructively. We want you to learn how to live life at its best. That is what Miniwanca stands for and that alone.

Do you wonder that everyone who comes to camp is so tremendously enthusiastic about it? So - come to Miniwanca prepared to give your best. Expect much in return and you will not be disappointed.

AND NOW FOR SOME BUSINESS

Please give very careful attention to the following - included in this issue:

1. TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS. I suggest you carry this information with you on your trip to camp.
2. EQUIPMENT SHEET. A list of suggested articles to bring, mail, or express to camp.
3. PRE-CAMP INFORMATION BLANK. This you are required to fill out and mail at once to Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan. ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE FROM THESE BLANKS ONLY. Registered campers whose Pre-Camp Information Blanks are not received by July 19 for the Girls' Camp and August 2 for the Boys' Camp, will have to take their places on the waiting list.

LEADERS' BLANK. This is for you leaders and graduates who are coming to camp this year. Please fill out and return this blank to the camp office at Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan.

Mail your blanks at once - then your place in camp will be assured.

ALL THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP WILL DELIGHT YOU

TENNIS COURTS - three new all-concrete courts, painted green to do away with sun glare ... DIVING TOWER - a new concrete-base diving tower with standard equipment and three and one-meter boards ... NEW WHARF - in addition to the two big docks, and all sailboats are docked at this new wharf ... ASSEMBLY BUILDING - it has been equipped with new dormer windows in the roof to let in more of that golden sunshine and those cool lake breezes ... TENTS - new and standard tent rope rails on every tent - and the tents sit plumb - and all tents now reach to the tent floor because all old tents whose sides were too short now have pieces of canvas attached ... A TRAINED DIETITIAN - Miss Bertha Yackel has been added to the staff - and what delicious foods and combinations she can concoct - you're sure to eat more than ever!

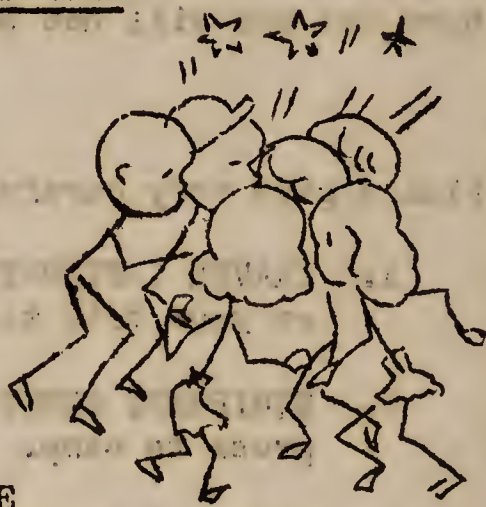
JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR JUNIOR CAMPS

The Younger Girls' and Boys' Camps are in full swing at Miniwanca. It will be of interest to you Founder campers to know that the following persons among the "old guard" have children in these younger units:

David and Anne Cammack, son and daughter of Howard Cammack - Jean and Brian Herdeg, daughter and son of Jean Williams Herdeg - Don Lovett, son of Mildred Shanley Lovett - Douglas Porter, son of Lottie May Bose Porter - Jarvis and Dorothy Post, son and daughter of Rev. Harold and Sarah Dietz Post - Lynn Stuart, son of Lewis Stuart - Mary Jean Davis, daughter of Dr. Myron Davis - Jean Elliott, daughter of Harold Elliott - Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Edna Nichols Leonard - Marian Northcott, daughter of Florence Engle Northcott.

FOUNDERS! FOUNDERS! YOU'LL FIND THEM EVERYWHERE

Six surprised and delighted Founders bumped into each other recently at the Presbyterian Young People's Conference in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Result - an impromptu reunion of these campers right there on the campus of Greenbrier Military School. They sang Founder songs, talked of camp days, and expressed the hope that they might "see the sunset on beloved Michigan" again this year. The group included Peggy Gilliam, Polly Spangler Maclin, Mary Minor Maclin, Harry Musser, Ann Pharr, and Bob Rice.



FOUNDERS AT AMSTERDAM YOUTH CONFERENCE

Minnesota Founders are proud to report that three of their number will attend the World Christian Youth Conference in Amsterdam, Holland, July 24 to August 2. We are proud to have these members of our Founder fellowship in this world conclave of Christian youth.

Miss Jennie Doidge, who sailed on June 5 to spend several weeks in England and on the Continent will arrive in Amsterdam in time for the conference. Harvey Heckman will represent the Young People's Council of the Ramsey County Sunday School Association. The Minnesota Council of Religious Education will be represented by Bill Marvin. Bill is expecting to arrive back in the United States in time to be on hand at Miniwanca and we are looking forward to hearing a first-hand report from Bill.

"THE FILLIES" - PHILADELPHIA FOUNDERS

The second meeting of the Philadelphia group - now known as "The Fillies" - was held at the home of Agnes Gowdey. In addition to the fifteen Founders there were several prospects there who were properly initiated into the Founder fellowship with tales of camp experiences, camp songs, reading of Minisino's letter from Albania, etc.

The Fillies are organized on a permanent basis and plan to meet at least four times in the year, contact prospects in their vicinity, and in general - "go places". Officers are: Joe Verlie, president; Bob Smith, vice-president; Beatrice Liebert, secretary-treasurer. They have chosen as an advisory group, a resident council headed by Agnes Gowdey, to contact resident Founders and plan for possible activities. Their next meeting is set for October 7, and they extend a hearty invitation to Founders far and near who can attend!

C H A T S H E E T

....News of Founders everywhere....

Another member for the Philadelphia Founders! Andy Sundstrom ('36, '37) has graduated from South Dakota State College this June and is accepting a position with The Farm Journal in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Minor, formerly "Mid" Wright, Virginia and West Virginia leader, whose husband is now in diplomatic service, can be reached in care of the American Legation, Ottawa, Canada.

Faye Wells is now located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she is working with the Adult Blind and also attending the State Teachers' College part time.

Bill McIlvaine of St. Paul, Minnesota, has received a nice promotion. He is now Assistant Engineer for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary Board.

Valborg Ravn is in charge of the laboratory at the Minnesota State Hospital at Anoka, Minnesota. She began her work there on December 1, 1938. Volly is in charge of all the laboratory findings and x-rays at the institution.

RECENT AND APPROACHING FOUNDER WEDDINGS

Martha Proetz (Min. '38) has become Mrs. Oliver Oldendorph. The ceremony, which took place at her home in St. Louis, was performed by Dr. Arnold H. Lowe. The couple will make their home at 259 Wabash Avenue, Kenmore, New York.

The very delightful wedding in St. Louis on June 15 of Mary Frances Embree and Alfred (Al) Alspach, was indeed a real Founder occasion. Mark Alspach, Gordon (Squaw-man) Letterman, Dick Embree and Garrott Allen were in the wedding party, and many other Founders were present.

Miss Sametta Coleman (Min. '33, '34) has set her wedding date for July 8, 1939, at which time she will become Mrs. J. Dan House. They will leave immediately after the wedding for a honeymoon trip to Colorado.

Marguerite (Bobby) Dolvin, fourth year camper of this coming summer, has announced her engagement to James Johnstone Ritterskamp, Jr., of St. Louis, Missouri.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP

Daniel McDonald Larsen was born to Rev. and Mrs. Knud A. Larsen, III, (nee Mary McDonald), on May 9, 1939.

Ellen Kay McGuire, young daughter of Captain and Mrs. George McGuire (nee Shirley Bucklew) arrived on May 18, 1939.

Twin boys have recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. LaMaster, (nee Isabelle Cox)!

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Wool bathing suit or trunks (2 if you have them)	Toothpaste
Pajamas	Flashlight
Raincoat, cape, or poncho	Fountain pen - pencils
Heavy sweater or jacket	Pocket knife
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords	Bible
Old pair shoes to wear on hike to swimming dock	Musical instruments (if you wish)
Bathrobe	Tennis racquet
Socks	Kodak (if desired)
Handkerchiefs	Comic or other costume (if you have one)
Soap and container	Needle, thread, pins
Lotion, cold cream, mosquito dope	Wrapping paper and twine if mailing bundles home.
Toothbrush and container	

SPECIAL LIST FOR GIRLS

Bathing cap & shoes (red cap, if non-swimmer)
Outing shirts or blouses
Slacks, shorts, or knickers (one pair wool)
Practical underwear

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Shirts
Extra pair of old trousers or
Underwear overalls
Gym suits

IMPORTANT - Mark your name permanently on all your clothes and equipment.

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

3 warm blankets	
Change of sheets - cot size	Be sure to write your own
Change of pillow slips	name on package - clearly
Bath towels - face towels - face cloths	and distinctly.
Sweaters or shoes that you may not want to carry.	

MAIL - insured Parcel Post, addressed to yourself
c/o The American Youth Foundation,

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES -

CAMP MINIWANCA,
Shelby, Michigan

or

CAMP MERROWVISTA
Center Ossipee, N. H.

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1. Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival. Wrap carefully - duffel bags, strong corrugated boxes, etc., good for mailing.
2. Films, notebooks and paper, camp stationery, camp postcards and stamps may be purchased at the camp store.
3. Do not have candy or other food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal time.

(Be sure to save this sheet)

* * * TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS -- READ CAREFULLY * * *

Older Girls' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, July 31
Older Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 14

All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp on opening date.

TRAIN TRAVEL - CHICAGO TO MUSKEGON

OLD CAMPERS PLEASE NOTE - This is a different plan than we have previously followed.

OLDER GIRLS' PARTY will leave Chicago, Sunday, July 30 - OLDER BOYS' PARTY will leave Sunday, August 13 - via Pere Marquette train at 4:00 PM (Central Standard Time) from Grand Central Station, South Wells and Harrison Streets.

TO QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL \$3.00 ROUND-TRIP COACH RATE (minimum of 30 in party) please follow this procedure:

1. Take with you attached Identification Certificate.
2. When you arrive at Grand Central Station, register with ticket agent but do not buy ticket at this time.
3. Return later to buy ticket. If and when 30 have registered for the \$3.00 round-trip rate, agent will begin to sell these tickets.
4. Take your baggage (except for overnight - see below) to baggage room and check through on ticket. Keep baggage check and turn over to American Youth Foundation representative at hotel.

Do not delay the actual purchase of your ticket until the last minute before the train leaves at 4:00 PM (Central Standard Time). Return ahead of time and get your ticket just as soon as the agent has enough persons registered to warrant selling the special coach rate of \$3.00.

UPON ARRIVAL IN MUSKEGON AT 10:00 PM, group will go to Occidental Hotel, spending the night there. Make your own reservation for hotel rooms by mail, at least one week before arrival, direct with Manager, Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, Michigan.

In order to qualify for special overnight rate of \$1.25, please state in your letter that you are an American Youth Foundation camper.

PLEASE CARRY SEPARATELY, AN OVERNIGHT BAG OR PARCEL WITH ARTICLES YOU WILL NEED FOR NIGHT AT THE HOTEL. Do not expect to take your suitcase with you to hotel since all baggage will be left at the depot until the following morning.

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FOR THOSE WHO MISS THE 4:00 PM TRAIN, it is possible to take the 11:30 Pere Marquette out of Chicago that night. It will of course be necessary for anyone traveling alone to pay the full rates which are as follows: Coach rate - \$4.82 one way, \$9.70 round-trip; First-class rate - \$5.80 one way, \$11.10 round-trip.

TRAVEL - MUSKEGON TO CAMP

Chartered Greyhound buses will take the group from Muskegon to camp. Special rate (including baggage) \$1.00 direct to camp. Bus fares will be collected after arrival in camp.

If you miss the special chartered bus, take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan and telephone camp upon arrival there.

TRAVEL BY BUS

Those traveling by bus should plan if possible to arrive in Muskegon so as to connect with special chartered Greyhound bus leaving Occidental Hotel at 8:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time) on opening date of camp.

MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN CAMPERS

Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Company boat leaves Milwaukee for Muskegon 11:30 PM. Special camper-party rate for 10 or more - \$3.00 round trip. Stateroom if desired, \$4.25. (Can be shared by four persons.) You must be identified to get this special round-trip rate. Be sure to present American Youth Foundation Identification Certificate found below. Connect with chartered bus at Occidental Hotel.

MICHIGAN, OHIO, INDIANA, ONTARIO, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA CAMPERS

See your agent for best routing to Muskegon, Michigan. (Undoubtedly via Grand Rapids.) Make connections so as to arrive on first morning train or bus. If you can, connect with special camp bus at Occidental Hotel. Otherwise take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan and telephone camp. We will call for you. This latter is in case of emergency only.

CAMPERS ARRIVING AT LUDINGTON

Take Greyhound bus in Ludington to Shelby. From there call camp.

THOSE DRIVING TO CAMP

Head for Muskegon, Michigan. Take U. S. 31 to New Era, turn west, follow Stony Lake and Camp Miniwanca signs $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles to camp. Drive through to main unit on Lake Michigan.

NOW READ THE ABOVE OVER AGAIN VERY CAREFULLY!

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IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Be sure to take the following certificate with you if you want to get special camper-party rates on Pere Marquette Railway or on Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Line. It will identify you as a member of the American Youth Foundation party. This certificate is attached to this issue of The Founder Fire between this page and the following - just tear it out and take it with you.

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